



MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN
Wednesday, September 25, 2013
Council Chambers – Town Hall
MINUTES

Members Present: Sara Anderson, Fred Baruzzi, Terry Cook, Sarah Delia (staff), Jane Goldman, Cindy Guerreri, Kathleen Krider (staff), Mark LaPlaca, Rachel Leclerc (staff), Mary Jane Newman, Esther Soffer-Roberts, Judy Stoughton and Aviva Vincent

Regrets Anne Bladen, Lisa Dahn, Bill Waite, and Lisa Young

Guests: Katherine Johansen, Linda Williams, Jillene Woodmansee, Kelly Zimmerman

<i>WHAT</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
CALL TO ORDER	K. Krider called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of June 5 and August 7, 2013 meetings.	<i>The June 5 and August 7, 2013 Minutes were approved without changes.</i>
TEAM UPDATES	<p>Playground Committee: Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee is trying a new approach for fund raising; small gatherings for people who are community involved, approximately ten households. The last small event held raised \$4000. Festival on the Green – a clay activity for children was held and the artist's renderings for the Playground were available to attendees. <p>Work/Life Expo: Katherine Johansen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. Johansen explained about this event on October 10 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. An event for employees to create connectedness and to balance work and life experiences. <p>School Readiness: Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All SR slots are filled. Consultant from Graustein - Amy Seville Nelson has been working to give guidance to Collaborate Area Network (CAN). MAC is slightly out of compliance regarding School Readiness by not having enough of certain people on the Council. There is a meeting in October with A. Seville-Nelson. Ande Bloom – EHHD will continue to provide 	

	<p>representation and active participation after her departure.</p> <p>Children's Health and Development Institute: Ande Bloom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an effort to collect local data using the yellow health forms that are filled out for children at the beginning of the school year. • Mansfield is partnering with Coventry and Chaplin on this endeavor and there a lot of issues to track. • Funding is available to continue for the next year. <p>People Empowering People (PEP) Grant: Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a Parent Leadership Training program that will be held starting in January of 2014 and continues for ten weeks of class with four weeks for a project. • Kathleen Krider will be conducting this class to help parents become more involved in community government. • Mark LaPlaca said this program should also be disseminated through the PTAs and PTOs in Mansfield. <p>Mansfield Middle School: Mark LaPlaca</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Middle School received a grant for \$28,000 for healthy child nutrition and eating from Windham Hospital. • They will be partnering with Coventry to implement this program. • M. LaPlaca reported that the Board of Education will continue to collaborate and cooperate with their partners, Youth Services and Mansfield Advocates for Children. <p>Preschool Screening: Rachel Leclerc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Leclerc announced that there will be a second screening for preschool on October 11. There are a few openings in the Mansfield Preschool Program. 	
OLD BUSINESS	The members approved the Mansfield Plan for Young Children taking account the revisions that were made at the August MAC meeting.	<i>Sarah Delia will make sure the Mansfield Plan for Young Children is posted on the MAC website and sent to MAC members.</i>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Asset Map: Cindy Guerreri</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy Guerreri conducted an exercise with the membership. People were paired and shared aspects of their individual skills and talents. • These skills and talents were then shared with the group. 	

TEAM TIME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept of the three teams was explained to new members but there was not time for individual teams to meet and discuss plans for the future of MAC. • It was mentioned that there should be a unifying plan and focus for all of MAC and the three teams for the year, 	
PARKING LOT	1. Transportation	
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Town Hall, Council Chambers.</p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at kriderk@mansfieldct.org</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Sarah Delia</p>	

“All Mansfield Children ages birth through 8 years old are healthy, successful learners, and their families are connected to the community.”